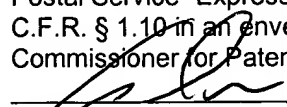


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 2, after "application is a" please insert -- continuation of co-
pending application Serial No. 08/961,374, filed October 30, 1997, which is a --.

REMARKS

Minor modifications have been made to the specification. No claims have been
amended, canceled, or added. Claims 1-9 remain in the application. Early and
favorable consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.
Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for
allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's undersigned
representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the
application in condition for allowance.

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